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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL - GRANT OF EQUIPMENT

REF: A) MEXICO 8706

B) STATE 231767

1. REFTEL B INFORMED EMBASSY OF USG INTENTIONS TO REPLACE
DESTROYED HELICOPTERS. TO THAT EFFECT, EMBASSY IS
AUTHORIZED TO EXCHANGE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED TEXT OF A
LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MEXICO.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL:

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A. IN CONFIRMATION OF RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS RELATING TO THE COOPERATION BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE U.S. TO CURB THE PRODUCTION AND TRAFFIC IN ILLEGAL NARCOTICS, I AM PLEASED TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S. IS WILLING TO ENTER INTO ADDITIONAL COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO TO REDUCE SUCH PRODUCTION AND TRAFFIC.

B. SUBJECT TO THEIR AVAILABILITY ON A TIMELY BASIS, THE U.S GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE MATERIAL SUPPORT CONSISTING OF TWO (2) BELL 212 HELICOPTERS AT A UNIT COST NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (DOLS. 800,000.00).

C. THE HELICOPTERS PROVIDED HEREUNDER ARE TO BE USED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MEXICO TO INTERDICT THE FLOW OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS THROUGH MEXICO AND TO LOCATE AND ERADICATE OPIUM POPPY, MARIJUANA, AND OTHER PLANTS FROM WHICH NARCOTICS SUBSTANCES ARE DERIVED. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE USE OF THIS EQUIPMENT SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO THESE PURPOSES, EXCEPT THAT NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL PRECLUDE ITS USE IN TIMES OF NATURAL DISASTER TO PREVENT LOSS OF LIFE OR OTHERWISE ENGAGE IN HUMANITARIAN UNDERTAKINGS.

D. THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES THAT, AT THE REQUEST OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES, THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL PROVIDE TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ACCESS TO THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF VERIFYING ITS USAGE AND CONDITION OF SERVICE. IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THROUGH THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IN MEXICO PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MEXICO SHALL EXCHANGE SEMI-ANNUALLY, AND AT OTHER TIMES MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, INFORMATION IN WRITING ON THE SPECIFIC EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN IN RELATION TO THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS AGREEMENT.

E. IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEXICO, THIS LETTER AND YOUR REPLY SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. SINCERELY, UNQUOTE.

3. SPANISH TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE FOLLOWS:

EXCELENTISIMO SENOR PROCURADOR GENERAL:

A. CONFIRMANDO RECIENTES CONVERSACIONES ENTRE FUN-

CIONARIOS DE NUESTROS DOS GOBIERNOS RELATIVAS A LA CO-
OPERACION ENTRE MEXICO Y LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS PARA
FRENAR LA PRODUCCION Y EL TRAFICO DE ESTUPEFACIENTES
ILICITOS, ME COMPLACE INFORMARLE QUE EL GOBIERNO DE LOS
ESTADOS UNIDOS ESTA DISPUESTO A CONCERTAR UN ACUERDO
COOPERATIVE ADICIONAL CON EL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO CON EL
FIN DE APOYAR LOS ESFUERZOS DEL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO PARA
ABATIR TAL PRODUCCION Y TRAFICO.

B. SUJETO A SU DISPONIBILIDAD SOBRE UNA BASE OPORTUNA,
EL GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS PROPORCIONARA APOYO
MATERIAL QUE CONSISTIRA EN DOS (2) HELICOPTEROS BELL
212 A UN COSTO UNITARIO QUE NO EXCEDERA LOS OCHOCIENTOS
MIL DOLARES (DOLARES 800.000).

C. LOS HELICOPTEROS SUMINISTRADOS AL AMPARO DEL PRESENTE
ACUERDO HABRAN DE SER USADOS POR LA PROCURADURIA GENERAL
DE MEXICO PARA INTERCEPTAR EL FLUJO DE ESTUPEFACIENTES
ILICITOS A TRAVES DE MEXICO Y PARA LOCALIZAR Y ERRADICAR
ADORMIDERAS, MARIHUANA Y OTRAS PLANTAS DE LAS QUE SE
DERIVAN SUSTANCIAS NARCOTICAS. TIENESE ENTENDIDO,
ASIMISMO, QUE EL USO DE ESTE EQUIPO SE LIMITARA A DICHOS
PROPOSITOS, EXCEPTO QUE NINGUNA DE LAS DISPOSICIONES DE
ESTE ACUERDO HA DE IMPEDIR SU USO EN CASO DE CATASTROFES
NATURALES PARA PRECAVER LA PERDIDA DE VIDAS, O SU EMPLEO
EN OTRAS ACTIVIDADES DE CARACTER HUMANITARIO.

D. EL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO CONVIENE EN QUE, A SOLICITUD
DE LA EMBAJADA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS, LA PROCURADURIA
GENERAL CONCEDERA AL PERSONAL DEL GOBIERNO DE LOS
ESTADOS UNIDOS ACCESO AL EQUIPO CON EL PROPOSITO DE
VERIFICAR SU USO Y SUS CONDICIONES DE SERVICIO. TAMBIEN
QUEDA ENTENDIDO QUE, POR CONDUCTO DE LA EMBAJADA DE LOS
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ESTADOS UNIDOS EN MEXICO, PERSONAL DEL GOBIERNO DE LOS
ESTADOS UNIDOS Y DE LA PROCURADURIA GENERAL DE MEXICO
INTERCAMBIARAN SEMESTRALMENTE Y EN CUALESQUIERA OTROS
MOMENTOS QUE SE CONVENGAN DE COMUN ACUERDO, INFORMACION
POR ESCRITO SOBRE LOS ESFUERZOS ESPECIFICOS EMPRENDIDOS
EN RELACION CON LOS PROPOSITOS Y OBJETIVOS DE ESTE
ACUERDO.

E. SI LO QUE ANTECEDE ES ACEPTABLE PARA EL GOBIERNO DE
MEXICO, ESTA NOTA Y SU RESPUESTA CONSTITUIRAN UN ACUERDO
ENTRE NUESTROS DOS GOBIERNOS.
HAGO PROPICIA ESTA OPORTUNIDAD PARA REITERAR A
VUESTRA EXCELENCIA LAS SEGURIDADES DE MI MAS ELEVADA
CONSIDERACION Y ESTIMA PERSONAL.

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